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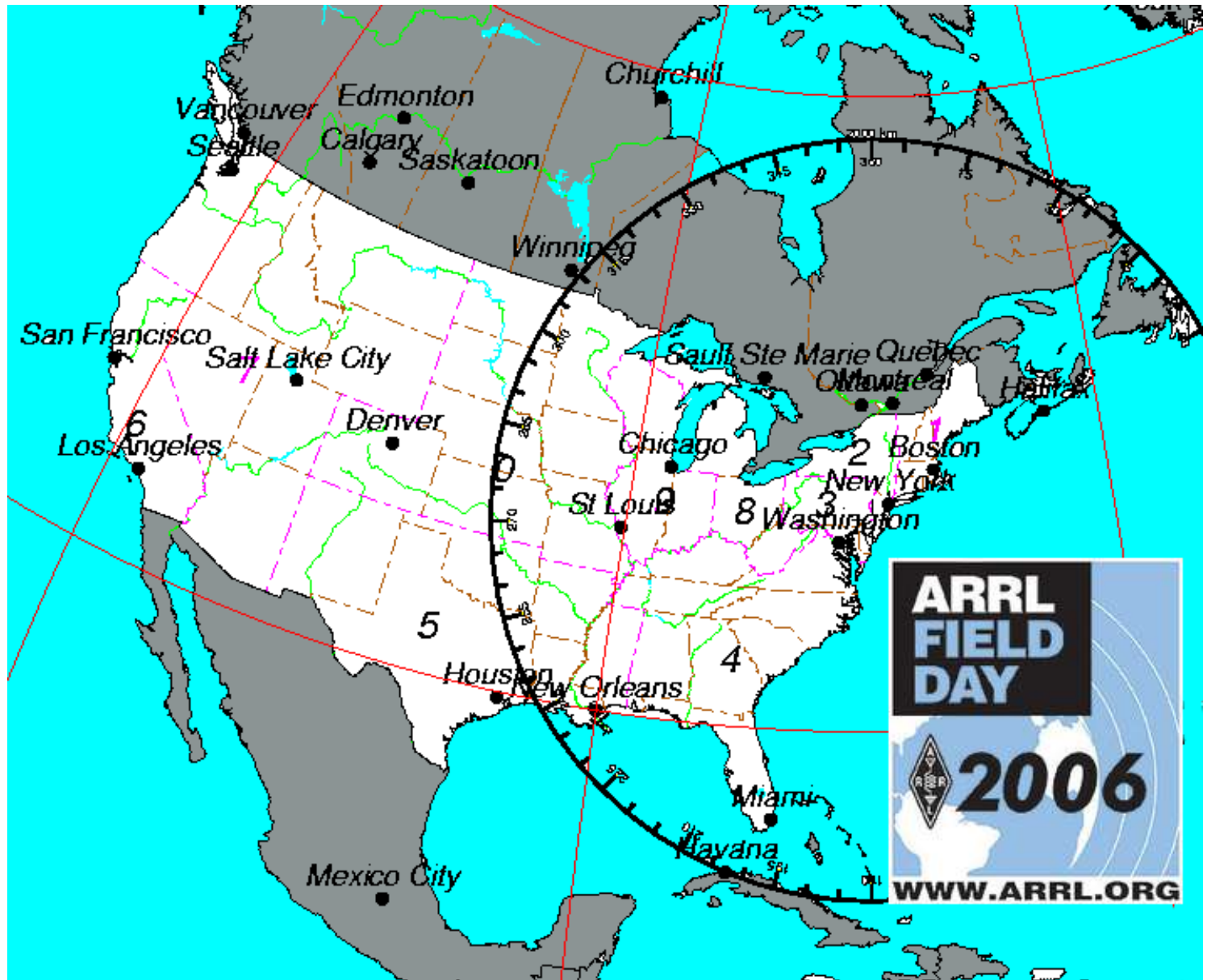


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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

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The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second non-**
holiday Wednesday of every month except
July and August at

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

801 Ridge Pike

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799

All visitors are welcome!

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month
(except July and August) at

Northeast High School,

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC
wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505
(day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

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PMRC Field Day 2006

Greetings to all Philmont members and guests:

Well, Field Day is upon us once again and again for another year, the ARRL has thrown in some interesting changes to the Field Day rules for 2006. I will try to give all the seasoned operators as well as any new comers to Field Day a synopsis for this year. If you wish to read or download the whole package, visit the ARRL.org website. So, hold on to your seats and here we go!

Field Day will be on June 24th at 1800 UTC till June 25th ending at 2100 UTC. It will be at the Fort Washington State Park located on Route 73 and Malitia Hill Road in Montgomery County, Pa. Our area is the Ridge Road Tenting area, site A and B. Talk-in to the site will be on the PMRC Repeater, 147.030 with a PL tone of 91.5. Some of us will be there on Friday, June 23rd after 2 P.M. to set up some things like towers, antennas and kitchen area. We can use some help on Friday but the main setup will be on Saturday morning. The more people we have, the quicker we will get done. Get there early on Saturday and give yourself plenty of time for setting up your station. You must let me know when you are coming up during the weekend so you can be added to my list and Steve's, WU3I Food/M meal list. If you stay the weekend and your name is not on HIS meal list, YOU will not be eating that weekend at the F.D. Site. I will be asking for BandCaptains for 10 to 160 meters phone & CW. Contact me unless I contact you first by any means

possible. Our Field Day meeting will be at the May General meeting. Field Day shirts and Pin orders are being taken right now till the end of May. Payment must be made, if possible, when you place your order. I would like to get our order received by the June General meeting.

- ◆ The object to Field Day is to work as many stations as possible on any and all Ham Bands except for 12, 17, 30 and 60-meter bands.



- ◆ We will operate as a Class A category, which represents PMRC Club operation using emergency power.
- ◆ Phone, CW and Digital are separate bands. A station may be worked once per band. Phone contacts are 1 point each. CW contacts are 2 points each. Digital contacts are 2 points each.
- ◆ Our multiplier is 2 for operating at a power output of 150 watts or less.
- ◆ The bonus points for this year are as follows:
100 % emergency power is 100 points per transmitter operated
..Example: 6A would give us 600 points for running emergency generator power

while operating 6 Amateur radio stations.

Media Publicity is 100 points

Public Location is 100 points

Public Information Table is 100 points

Message Orientation to the Section Manager is 100 points

Message Handling of 10 NTS Messages is 100 points, 10 points per message.

Satellite QSO is 100 points

Alternate Power such as solar, wind, methane or water is 100 points

W1AW Bulletin is 100 points

Non Traditional modes of operation such as ATV, SSTV, and APRS is 100 points each mode.

A portable packet station setup as a temporary portable node and separate from the existing packet

Infrastructure in our area is worth 100 points.

Site Visitation by an Elected Government Official is 100 points

Site Visitation by a Representative of an Agency is 100 points.

- ◆ Now for the GOTA Station changes:

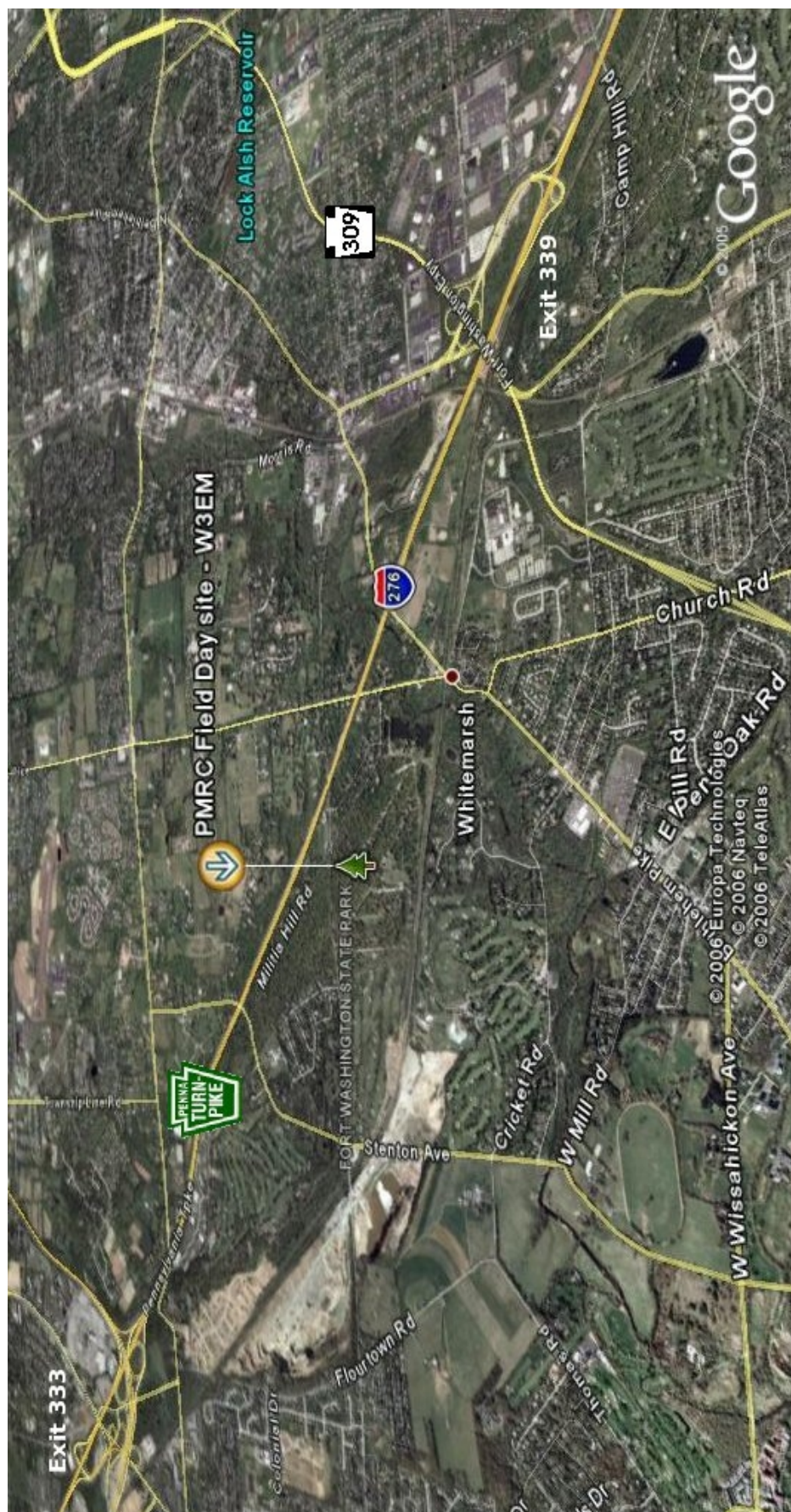
- The GOTA Station will receive 50 bonus points per 50 QSO's by one operator.
- The same operator will receive another 50 points for another 50 QSO'S equal to 100 points.
- Additional operators may earn 50 or 100 bonus points under this rule up to a maximum of 500 bonus points for a maximum of 500 QSO'S.
- No single operator may earn more than 100 points
- A GOTA operator must

complete all 50 QSO'S to earn the 50 bonus points. No Partial credit will be given for less than 50 QSO'S.

- If a GOTA Station is supervised full time by a GOTA COACH, the bonus points earned for each 50 QSO's will be doubled. He/She will supervise operation, answers questions, talk to other operators through contacts but can not make QSO's or perform logging functions.
- A GOTA Coach must be present and supervise the GOTA Station at all times it is in operation.
- All GOTA Station operators and visitors must sign a visitor / operator log with name and/or callsign.
- ◆ Submission of all Field Day Logs via the Internet is worth 50 points.
- ◆ Youth Participation is 100 points maximum with 20 points per visitor at the age of 18 or under making a contact.

So there it is in a large nutshell for this year. Our potential of earning Bonus Points could be at least in the 2000 to 3000 point range, provided we achieve everything on the list for this year. That doesn't include the total points for QSO's made. If anyone has any comments, questions, or suggestions on how we can make PMRC Field Day more interesting or fun, contact me any time at all. All input is appreciated.

73 de Carmen, KE3QB
PMRC Field Day Chairman



Here are some...

Basics to using the WR9R Field Day Logging Software

The Logging Software will be on a 3.5 floppy disk. You will have one for Phone and one for CW

- Some of the Station Statistics will be set up in your Field Day computer prior to Field Day.
- The computer will be set up for UTC time
- Once the disk is inserted, at the DOS cursor prompt, type the word **"GO"** and **WR9R** logging program will start. It will ask for **"FILENAME:"** You will then type in the filename of the band which you are working. Example: **"40cw"** or **"10ph"**
- Once the program starts, double check the Station Statistics for your Band:
Example: **"W3EM 6A EPA 150w or less 10m phone UTC time."**
- **"Space Bar or TAB key"** will move you from one field to the next.
- **"ENTER key"** will log in the call/contact.
- **"DEL key"** will wipe the current field you are in.
- **"CTRL W key"** will erase all 3 fields allowing you to start with a new entry.
- **"RIGHT~LEFT~BKSPCE"** keys will allow character editing.
- **"UP~DWN Arrow keys ~ PGE UP~PGE DWN~HOME~END keys"** will allow access to past QSO's/contacts.
- **"ESC~ENTER keys"** will exit the mode you are in with no change to your Field Day Log.
- **"ENTER key"** will also save changes to your Field Day Log.
- **"The F~keys"** on the lower part of the screen are self-explanatory.
 - **"F3~F4 keys"** will change band and mode of operation. *You will not be touching F3~F4 keys because you will be on one band and have separate disks for phone and cw.*
- **"ALT~H key"** will pop up the Help File. This file explains the different functions of the WR9R Logging Program.
- **"ALT~S key"** will bring up the ARRL/RAC Sections file. This will be very handy to pop up and will fit neatly in the right hand upper corner of your screen.

**If you have any questions or problems, please ask Carmen, KE3QB
or Bill W3AOK or Steve WU3L.**

**At the end of Field Day, please make sure I get all of your disks back.
Do not place them in the computer bags. I need everyone's disks to
compile the score sheets.**

TNX & 73 DE Carmen, KE3QB
PMRC FIELD DAY CHAIRMAN

Deflating the Baloney Trolls

by Ward Silver N0AX

... a guest editorial, reprinted with permission from ARRL Contester's Rate Sheet-5 April 2006

Surely you all remember the tale of the Billy Goats Gruff?

*"Trip, trap, trip, trap!" went the bridge.
"Who's that tripping over my bridge?"
roared the troll.*

*"Oh, it is only I, the Littlest Billy Goat,"
said the billy goat, in a small voice.*

*"Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said
the troll!*

Only a fairy tale, of course, but we do have our own trolls. They live out of sight on the reflectors and Web sites. They lurk on repeaters and on their "very own" frequencies. They lie in wait for someone to cross their bridge and then spring to life.

No, they don't gobble up billy goats, but they roar into action nonetheless. They are the keepers of the sacred, but unwritten, protocols and the mystical, but mostly mythical, traditions and legends. They are the protectors of their frequencies and channels. They challenge all that dare traverse their domain - for they are the Baloney Trolls.

Woe to the newcomer that strays the least bit from the Pure Ways of Radio as known to the Baloney Troll! The troll's day is made if he (and trolls are nearly always male) can cast newcomers off the bridge, hopefully never to be seen again. The troll's weapons are the sneer and

pointed remark against which the exposed and tender flesh of a newly minted licensee has no defense. The troll cares not that his Ways are often bogus and of no particular Merit, even to himself.

Pity the questioning innocent that inquires for directions or instruction! This is truly a troll's delight, as he lives to dispense the True Baloney. "Why, didn't you know...?" says the troll, followed by a cornucopia of drivel delivered with an all-knowing and unctuous demeanor. The Littlest Billy Goat replies, "Really?" in a high-pitched voice and alas, he has swallowed the baloney and is surely led into the thicket of Baloney Briars from which making an escape is painful and laborious.

And then the Big Billy Goat flew at the troll,

*and poked his eyes out with his horns,
and crushed him to bits, body and bones,
and tossed him out into the cascade,
and after that he went up to the hillside.*

What to do about the Baloney Trolls? They are seemingly everywhere, poisoning every discussion and making life difficult for newcomers. It falls to us, the Big Billy Goats, to deflate the Baloney Trolls, for they are mostly made of hot air and have no real substance, only the sound of their own exhalations to sustain them.

First, be not a Baloney Troll yourself! Be wise and patient when the microphone button is pushed or when the characters leap from your fingertips. Speak not in anger and eschew obfuscation. Be not afraid

of the magic words, "I Don't Know" for they lead to additional wisdom for all. Give freely of the milk of human kindness. Above all, remember what it was like to be the Littlest Billy Goat. Engaging a troll in battle merely encourages them, so direct deflation may not work very well. Big Billy to Little Billy, we must speak to them in quiet ways and places not known to the trolls - by letter and phone call, at meetings, and by email. Let the troll deflate himself by his response to reasoned and clever questions and examples. Call the troll by his true name so that the Little Billy Goats are inoculated against them. Without someone to eat up their baloney, a troll soon withers and finds another bridge to haunt.

Help the Little Billies to leave the Baloney Trolls behind in their uncomfortable places. There are really very few of them and it is only the sound of their roaring that makes them seem important and fearsome. By sticking together, Big Billy and Little Billy, we can all proceed up to the hillside and grow fat together.

*"Snip, snap, snout.
This tale's told out."*

Philmont General Meeting April 19th

Hello to all Phil-Monters and special thanks to Eric Marano N3QV for the fine job he did as Secretary.

Ed KB3IV called the meeting to

order. 16 members were present. Larry K3HWE reported on ARES. Please check into the Philadelphia ARES and SATERN net on Sunday nights at 9pm on the W3QV repeater.

Maggie K3XS reported the Blurb is doing fine but with the Easter Holiday, the deadline for submissions is April 20th.

Dick W3RM reported that for the most part, all dues are in. Next year, dues notices will go out as separate first class mailings.

April 30 will be the last day for applications for FAR scholarships with June 1 the last day for submission.

Two new members were announced,

Ed Weinberg KC2OVR, and Lloyd Sturgeon W3LYS. Welcome to Philmont Ed and Lloyd.

Dusty ND3Q reported attendance is down for VE testing with only 5 candidates in the last 4 months. Hey guys, let's talk up HAMRADIO.

Steve WU3I reported equipment from W3AA was sold at a recent ham fest. Other equipment still at W3AA will be discussed by the board for future sales. W3YC at Northeast High will be left as a working and viable station with all antennas remaining in place.

Gene N3XKE membership chairman has the first new Membership Certificates to be given to new members.

Carmen KE3QB Field Day chairmen, will have a presentation at the May meeting on Field Day. New rules will be in effect for the GOTA station. ARRL Field Day shirts can be ordered now through the May meeting from Carmen. All orders must be paid in advance.

Ed KB3IV reported that the repeater is working fine now. Southampton was down for a bit. Eric and Rick will be returning a controller back to the main site.

Sunday nets are running fine. Please check in if you are available. If you have HF gear, don't forget the 10 meter and 75 meter nets.

Perry, W3PTB, our general meeting host is making progress. We wish Perry a speedy recovery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 with a great demonstration afterwards by Bill W3AOK of some of the High-tech equipment used in his line of work.

73 de WA3KIO



Proposed new member:

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ARRL expires 1/31/07
Spouse: Joan

May Birthdays

02 Tia Heffernan (XYL N3FH)
05 Paul Policarpo - N3PP
17 Herb Scott - N3OLK
20 Bob Field - W3INW
28 Peggy Kaufmann - KB3DID
29 Maggie Leber - K3XS
30 Bill Chedeville - W3GQD
31 Heidi Mescanti - (XYL WB3KUR)

2006 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS
Email **CHANGE** –
henryw3ui@verizon.net
W3GER-Street name is "McCallum"
REJOINED-W3FWI (See 2004 Directory)
W3PHI & KB3HNB (See 2005 Directory)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

88 Full paid members
8 Family members
0 Youth members (under 17)
1 Honorary members
0 Pending member

For Sale

**1998 Taurus station wagon
\$6000**

Dark Blue, 54 k mis, V6 Auto, A/C, Tilt-Cruise, PW, PL Keyless Entry, Alarm System, Power Mirrors, Dual Air Bags AM/FM/Stereo, Tinted Windows

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This is a reliable vehicle with good gas mileage and low maintenance, 1 1/2 yr old battery with no major repairs in 5 years of ownership. W3BBB no longer requires a second vehicle. Downsizing is difficult but necessary.

Call 215-703-0126
for inspection and test drive...

May 2006 with PMRC

Monday 01	
Tuesday 02	
Wednesday 03	PMRC Board meets at WRDV
Thursday 04	VE Exams at Northeast High School-see p2
Friday 05	
Saturday 06	New England QSO Party
Sunday 07	NCS: K3XS—WARC Hamfest at the Grange
Monday 08	
Tuesday 09	
Wednesday 10	PMRC general meeting at Masonic Village: see p2
Thursday 11	
Friday 12	
Saturday 13	Amateur/Military Crossband Communications Test
Sunday 14	NCS: WB3KOJ
Monday 15	
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Wednesday 17	
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Saturday 20	Dayton Hamvention
Sunday 21	NCS: KB3IV
Monday 22	Philadelphia ARES meets at Roxborough Hospital
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